

REMARKS

Claims 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 20, and 21 have been amended, and Claims 22–25 have been canceled. No claims have been added. Claims 1–21 remain in the application. Applicants request reconsideration of the application as amended and in light of the remarks set forth below.

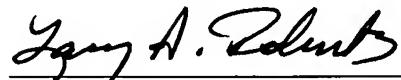
Summary of the Amendments

The specification has been amended to cross-reference related patent applications.

Claims 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 20, and 21 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies, to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention, and to bring the claims into compliance with U.S. patent practice. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

The foregoing is believed to place the application in condition for examination. Consideration of the application is requested, and allowance of the claims at an early date is courteously solicited.

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